

King George VI - 'Universal Postal Union' issue.

The issue commemorated the 75th Anniversary of the Universal Postal Union, which was effectively created on the 9th October 1874. As with the previous commemorative issue, four values were produced - 2½d, 3d, 6d, and 1/-.



Successful design submitted by Percy Metcalfe.

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Designers of the chosen designs:

- *Mary Adshead* (1904-1995) - 2½d 'Two Hemispheres'.
- *Percy Metcalfe* (1895-1970) - 3d 'UPU Monument, Berne'.
- *Hugo Fleury* (1893-1983) - 6d 'Goddess Concordia'.
- *George R Bellew* (1899-1993) - 1/- 'Posthorn and Globe'.

Printing details

Printed in photogravure by Harrison & Sons Ltd.

Printed in sheets of 120 stamps, arranged in 20 rows of six stamps.

Issued date - Monday, 10th October 1949. All four values were overprinted for use by various overseas British Postal Agencies. The issue was withdrawn from sale on 31st December 1949.

Quantities sold - figures are shown above each stamp.

2½d - 135,146,177



92 dies

3d - 16,399,282



61 dies

6d - 11,451,406



42 dies

1/- - 11,367,775



43 dies

In 1949 there would have been around 2,869 G.B. Perfin dies still in commercial use.

Perfin figures correct to **1st January 2019**.

The following table lists all **169** Perfin dies found on the 'UPU' issue of King George VI.

	Cat No.	Letters	2½d SG499	3d SG500	6d SG501	1/- SG502
1	A0190.01M	AA/CoLd	2½d			
2	A0770.01M	A.B./Ltd..		3d	6d	1/-
3	A0830.01M	A/Bros	2½d			
4	A1333.01M	A&Co./L	2½d			
5	A2720.02M	A.H		3d		1/-
6	A4460.02M	AP				1/-
7	A5090.01M	A.S./H.	2½d	3d		
8	A5800.02M	AWG	2½d	3d	6d	1/-
9	B0015.14	B			6d	1/-
10	B0019.01M	B	2½d			
11	B0023.02M	B (Diag)			6d	
12	B0500.02	B.B.B.	2½d			
13	B0520.01	BBC			6d	
14	B1260.01	B.C./C.			6d	
15	B2640.01	BFA				1/-
16	B3030.01M	B.G/Co		3d		
17	B4190.01M	B.L./B.			6d	
18	B4580.01M	BL/W		3d		1/-
19	B4890.01	BM/I	2½d	3d		1/-
20	B5150.02M	BN/&H		3d	6d	
21	B5375.02M	BofM				1/-
22	B5750.01M	BP/D	2½d	3d	6d	1/-
23	B6190.01M	BRCo/Ld	2½d			
24	B6840.01cM	B/SS	2½d			
25	B7180.02M	B/TH		3d		
26	B7970.01	B/Y		3d	6d	
27	C0500.06M	C&B			6d	1/-
28	C0530.02M	C.B/B	2½d			1/-
29	C0680.01M	CB/&Co	2½d			
30	C2400.01M	C.E./S.Co.				1/-
31	C3270.01	CHL			6d	
32	C3770.01	CIS/Ltd	2½d			
33	C4645.01M	C with LTD. inside		3d		
34	C5520.01M	C/of/A			6d	1/-
35	C5840.02M	CPA	2½d		6d	
36	C5880.01M	C.P.C.	2½d			
37	C6800.09M	C&S		3d		
38	C6900.01M	CS/Co	2½d			
39	C8280.03	C.W.	2½d			
40	C8560.01M	CW/SLd.		3d		
41	D0580.02	D.C.	2½d			
42	D0780.01	D.C.M	2½d			
43	D0850.01M	D&Co..				1/-
44	D2260.02aM	DHE	2½d	3d		
45	D2730.01M	D.L.	2½d			
46	D4080.04M	DR/C	2½d			

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47	D4090.01	D.R./C.L.	2½d	3d		
48	D4130.02	D.R/Co	2½d			
49	D4130.03	D.R/Co	2½d	3d		
50	D4730.03aM	D&T	2½d			
51	E0270.02M	E.B		3d		
52	E0842.01	E&Co./Ltd..	2½d			
53	E1890.01	E/H	2½d			1/-
54	E3110.01M	EMW	2½d			1/-
55	E3460.01	E.P./&C	2½d	3d		1/-
56	E4110.03M	ES		3d		
57	E4170.02b	ES/&/AR	2½d	3d		
58	E4960.02M	EW	2½d		6d	
59	F2460.01M	FLd	2½d	3d	6d	1/-
60	F3930.01	FS/&S		3d		
61	G0200.02a	GAS/Co.	2½d			
62	G1370.01	GD/&Co.				1/-
63	G1540.01M	GE/C	2½d	3d	6d	
64	G3160.02	GLd/B		3d		
65	G3630.01M	G N\ C	2½d			
66	G4760.03	G&S/N			6d	
67	H0011.01M	H		3d		
68	H0012.11	H		3d		1/-
69	H0280.01	HAW			6d	
70	H0730.01M	H&B/Ld	2½d			
71	H1740.01	H.C.W.	2½d			
72	H2710.01	H.F./L.	2½d		6d	1/-
73	H2980.01	H&/GS	2½d			
74	H3110.05a	HH	2½d	3d	6d	
75	H3160.02	H/H		3d	6d	
76	H4420.01M	H./L.		3d	6d	
77	H4490.01M	H/Ld	2½d	3d	6d	
78	H4670.01	HLtd				1/-
79	H5690.02M	H&P	2½d	3d	6d	1/-
80	H6750.01M	H&S/Ltd..	2½d			
81	H7250.01M	H.T./S.		3d		
82	I0200.01	I.B/&R	2½d		6d	
83	I0420.01M	ICI		3d		
84	I1510.01M	IL				1/-
85	J0009.01	J	2½d			
86	J2270.03M	JDW/M	2½d			
87	J3190.01	J.G.N	2½d			
88	J3750.02	JH/M	2½d			
89	J5010.01	J.L&S	2½d			
90	J5230.01	J.M.	2½d			
91	J5360.01	J.M./HX			6d	
92	J6660.01	J&/RS	2½d			
93	J7150.01	J&S/M				1/-
94	J7160.01	J/SMITH	2½d			
95	J7180.01M	J[&/N]S	2½d			1/-

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96	J8270.03M	JW				1/-
97	J8280.01	J.W		3d		
98	K0009.01M	K		3d	6d	
99	K0110.01M	K.B/B		3d		
100	K0315.01	K.C./E.	2½d			
101	K0390.02a	K/&Co.	2½d			
102	K0710.01	KESSLER	2½d	3d		1/-
103	L0980.01	L.C.	2½d			
104	L1160.03	L&Co			6d	
105	L1930.01	L.E./&P.	2½d			
106	L2610.01a	L.G/&SLd.	2½d			
107	L3180.02	LINE	2½d			
108	L3570.01	LL/H	2½d			
109	L4000.01fM	L&M/Ld	2½d			
110	L4360.01b	LP		3d		
111	L4890.04M	L&S			6d	
112	M2320.01M	M.E./&Co..	2½d			
113	M3620.01	M.L	2½d	3d	6d	1/-
114	M4480.01	MP/Co		3d		
115	M5860.01M	M.V/Co.	2½d	3d		1/-
116	N1530.01M	N.G.	2½d			
117	N2750.02	NR/C		3d		
118	N3380.01	NUL			6d	
119	P0160.01	PAGE	2½d	3d		
120	P0410.03	PB		3d		
121	P0920.01	P&C				1/-
122	P2350.01M	P.H/Co.		3d		
123	P3500.04	P&O/Co.		3d	6d	
124	P3910.03M	PR/L			6d	1/-
125	P5230.02M	P/W8			6d	
126	R0010.01M	R	2½d	3d		
127	R0031.01	R	2½d			
128	R0570.01	R.B/M	2½d			
129	R1580.01M	R.E.			6d	
130	R3340.01M	RL/&S			6d	
131	R3670.01M	R.N.		3d	6d	
132	R4770.01M	R.S/&J				1/-
133	R4830.04M	R&S/Ld		3d		
134	S0460.03bM	SB				1/-
135	S0590.01M	SB/C	2½d			
136	S0680.01	SB/Co.Ld.	2½d			
137	S1210.04M	SC	2½d			
138	S1810.03M	SCW/SLd		3d		1/-
139	S2350.01M	S\&\E				1/-
140	S3060.03BM	SG	2½d			
141	S3780.01M	S.I.C.	2½d			
142	S4080.01	S.J/S		3d		
143	S4760.03	SM			6d	
144	S5890.01	SPERO				1/-

	Cat No.	Letters	2½d SG499	3d SG500	6d SG501	1/- SG502
145	S6440.08M	S&S			6d	
146	S6440.09	S&S	2½d			
147	S6490.01M	S.S/C	2½d			
148	S7080.02	S.T.	2½d			1/-
149	S8200.01	SWR/&Co	2½d			
150	T0008.03	T		3d		1/-
151	T0080.01	T.A./A.		3d		
152	T0410.01M	T.B/C	2½d			
153	T1710.01M	T.F/&S		3d		
154	T1730.01	T.F/&/SLd				1/-
155	T5110.01	TWL	2½d			
156	U0370.01	U.C.	2½d			
157	V1040.03	V/Ltd		3d		1/-
158	W0014.08M	W		3d		
159	W1020.01M	W.C.	2½d			
160	W1150.01	WC/CoLd	2½d			
161	W1170.01	W.C/CoLtd.			6d	
162	W2930.02M	W&G		3d		
163	W3230.01	WG/S	2½d			
164	W3890.01	WHS/&S	2½d			
165	W5230.01	W/McI		3d		
166	W5400.01M	W.M./M.	2½d	3d	6d	1/-
167	W5860.04M	WP	2½d			
168	W6780.01M	WS/CC	2½d	3d		
169	W7740.05	WU/DC	2½d			

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